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SUBJECT: AB 167 Independent Study Update

Assembly Bill 167 has refined a few points related to Independent Study. Please be aware that the bill:

- Requires a fully signed written independent study agreement for an independent study program of any length of time no later than 30 days after the first day of instruction in an independent study program or October 15, whichever date comes later.

This requires that RUSD schools have I.S. agreement signed by parent within 30 days or by October 15th for the older contracts already in place. Although RUSD schools have until November 1st to complete I.S. excel reports to your Support Provider, please make sure that all I.S. contracts are not beyond 30 days of collecting the parent signature.

- Clarifies that a district shall be eligible for apportionment for the 2021-22 school year for independent study for pupils that are subject to quarantine for exposure to, or infection with, COVID-19 pursuant to local or state health guidance. Districts shall receive apportionment for these pupils for all schooldays that they participate in and meet all other apportionment requirements of independent study while in quarantine or during a school closure.

RUSD has already implemented the practice of using our "short term" (less than 15 days) as an alternative for students who are required to be quarantined due to possible COVID-19 exposure (no change for us here).

- Allows a substitute teacher to serve in a substitute teaching assignment for up to 60 cumulative days for any one assignment until July 1, 2022.

Please let me know if you have any questions.